

3 Bridget and Lizzie

#15 SOMEBODY WILL DO SOMETHING

(sudden light shift...morning in the Borden house...portraits of Andrew and Abby illuminated...the murders...Victorian shadow play meets Psycho shower scene. red lights for the first time...the murders become a frenzied catharsis...blood)

BRIDGET

Miss Lizzie, what do you want for breakfast?

LIZZIE

I don't know as I want any breakfast. But I guess I'll have some coffee... and cookies ...
Maggie are you going out to wash the windows?

BRIDGET

Yes. I done 'em inside already, but Mrs. Borden wants 'em done inside and out. Your Father's gone to town. Your stepmother is cleaning the guest room upstairs.

(into mic)

All by herself. And I'll be out around here, so you needn't lock the door. Or you can lock it if you want to. I can get the water in the barn.

SCENE SHIFT

BRIDGET

Oh! Miss Lizzie, you startled me. Mr. Borden's just come home. He said to keep the noise down. He'll be napping in the living room and doesn't want to be disturbed.

LIZZIE

Maggie, you are going out this afternoon?

BRIDGET

I don't know. I might and I might not. I don't feel very well.

LIZZIE

If you go out be sure to lock the door, for Mrs. Borden has gone out on a sick call, and I might go out too.

BRIDGET

Miss Lizzie, who is sick?

LIZZIE

I don't know. Somebody.

BRIDGET

Somebody?

LIZZIE

Yes, she had a note from somebody this morning. It must be in town.

(BRIDGET stands her ground, not leaving...LIZZIE takes a wad of bloody money from the body of MRS. BORDEN and hands it to BRIDGET)

There is a cheap sale of dresses at Sergeant's this afternoon, pennies on the yard.

BRIDGET

I am going to have a lovely one.